

Humanistic Studies Department Study Abroad Scholarships

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Thanks to the generosity of its alumnae and friends, the Humanistic Studies Program is able to offer scholarships to majors—and, in some special cases, minors—wishing to study abroad. This opportunity is being made available because Humanistic Studies specializes in the study of culture, both Western and non-Western, and encourages its majors to study this culture firsthand on abroad programs. Many majors have already participated in the Rome or Ireland programs and are looking for ways to examine other cultures as well.

Types of Scholarships

1) Semester-Break and Summer Programs

Students may participate on any of the summer or semester-break abroad programs sponsored by Saint Mary's College and administered by the Global Education Office (GEO), which, in conjunction with HUST faculty members, reviews applications. For more information, go online: <https://my.saintmarys.edu/web/study-abroad/student-travel-grants>

Students may also apply for summer internships abroad (London LEB Program), earning academic credits in some field related to Humanistic Studies. Such internships and practicums include placement, on-site logistics, and housing, enabling students to work in museums, art galleries, publishing houses, theaters, film festivals, among other placements.

2) Semester- or Year-Long Programs

Scholarship funds may also cover **a portion of the surcharge** for one- or two-semester programs such as the Saint Mary's **Oxford program**.

(3) Independent Projects

Eligible students may apply for a grant from Humanistic Studies to help cover the cost of other study abroad experiences that complement the goals of the department. These may include **service projects, internships, or self-designed research** projects.

Eligibility

To be considered for these scholarships, students must be junior Humanistic Studies majors (or sophomores, if they started the program early), and be in good standing. In certain circumstances, a Humanistic Studies minor, especially if she has taken or is taking an upper-level tandem (HUST 321/323, 322/324, 461/463, 462/464), may also be eligible for a study abroad scholarship.

Students applying for semester- or year-long programs must begin their planning very early and must likewise meet all application deadlines and be accepted into their chosen programs. *In most cases, such students would have to start the major in their sophomore year (to demonstrate their commitment to the department), which would mean their study abroad would take place in their junior year (i.e., Oxford).*

Requirements

Semester Break and Summer Programs

Study abroad requires extensive advanced planning. Students must begin the application process in the fall semester before the spring or summer they plan to travel. They must attend all meetings, complete all application forms, and meet all deadlines required by GEO. HUST students apply for the short-term study abroad program of their choice and for a GEO Student Travel Grant (just as other Saint Mary's students do), but they need to **indicate on all application forms that they are HUST majors or minors.**

To apply for one of these grants, students must:

1. Apply to the GEO study abroad program
2. Apply for a GEO travel grant (indicating affiliation with HUST)
3. Write a letter directly to the Chair of the Humanistic Studies Department (by **Feb. 1st** for summer, semester, and year-long programs, **Sept. 15th** for spring-break programs). The letter must describe the purpose of the grant for which they are applying. Proposals will be reviewed by the HUST faculty, which will make the decision to award a grant or not.
4. All students are urged to attend the Intercultural Learning Showcase during International Education Week in **November**.

Semester- or Year-Long Programs

For these programs, students may not receive funding from both HUST and CWIL for the same project. ***Students must inform the Chair of Humanistic Studies if they have applied for or received other grants or scholarships to cover the cost of their study abroad.*** If these other sources of funding, combined with HUST funding, exceed 100% of the cost of the program, the HUST funding will be reduced accordingly. In no case will the amount of HUST funding, combined with other scholarships or grants, exceed 100% of the cost of the study abroad program.

Award & Selection

The decision to make an award and at what funding level will be determined by the Humanistic Studies faculty on a case-by-case basis. Determining factors include the student's academic record and commitment to the HUST major/minor, the quality of her application and ability to meet all deadlines, the student's financial need as determined by the Saint Mary's Financial Aid Office, and the availability of department funds to support the scholarship. Generally speaking, HUST scholarships have covered between 20% and 85% of the cost of the particular study abroad program. It is possible that students who have no financial need will still receive an award of 20% of the program cost.